



## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

##### **(U) Palm Springs – 54 Firearms, 21 Pounds of Meth, and \$7K in Cash Seized in Bust**

(U) Law enforcement officers arrested two men and seized a plethora of illegal items — including nearly \$400,000 worth of methamphetamine — while serving a narcotic related search warrant in Palm Springs last week. According to a Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy, the valley's Narcotics Task Force and Violent Crime Gang Task Force served two warrants last Thursday in Palm Springs. "The search warrants resulted in the confiscation of approximately 21 pounds of suspected methamphetamine, 54 firearms, thousands of rounds of ammunition, approximately \$7,000 in US Currency, scales and other items related to the sales of methamphetamine." Phillip Prieto, 56, and Juan Gonzalez, 43, were arrested and booked on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance for sales and possession of a controlled substance while armed.

SOURCE: 9 December 2016, [Palm Desert Patch](#)

#### (U) NATIONAL

##### **(U) Arizona – Air Cannon Used to Fire Marijuana Bundles over Arizona's Border Fence**

(U) Tucson – Border Patrol agents arrested two teenagers last week after an air cannon fired bundles of marijuana over the border fence into the United States. The teenagers were found with a bundle that weighed 34 pounds and was molded into a cylindrical shape. Agents seized the marijuana and referred the teenagers to the Cochise County Attorney for prosecution. In September 2016, authorities found roughly 10-foot-long air cannon inside a van in Agua Prieta, Mexico, which they believed was used to shoot packages of marijuana into Douglas, Arizona.

SOURCE: 9 December 2016, [Tucson.com](#)

##### **(U) District of Columbia – President Obama Orders Review of 2016 Election Cyber Attacks**

(U) Washington – US President Barack Obama has ordered intelligence agencies to review cyber-attacks and foreign intervention into the 2016 election and deliver a report before he leaves office in January 2017 the White House said last week. In October 2016, the US government formally accused Russia of a campaign of cyber-attacks against Democratic Party organizations ahead of the presidential election, and Obama has said he warned Russian President Vladimir Putin about consequences for the attacks. The review and its timeline are a signal that Obama wants the issue addressed before he hands power to President-elect Donald Trump.

SOURCE: 9 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

##### **(U) New York – Businesses on Alert amid Mumps Outbreak at SUNY Geneseo**

(U) Geneseo – State University of New York (SUNY) Geneseo confirms that 12 students have contracted the mumps since the first reported case last month. The campus is urging students to be on alert after four on-campus students and eight off-campus students contracted mumps. The university says the origin of the outbreak is unclear as the 12 students who contracted the virus already had their vaccinations.

SOURCE: 10 December 2016, [WHAM 13](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) France – French Police Detain 11 in Bastille Day Truck Attack In Nice**

(U) Paris – French police have detained 11 people suspected of providing logistical support, including arms, to the Tunisian man who drove his 19-ton truck into a crowd of Nice revelers on Bastille Day, killing 86. A judicial official says that 10 of the arrests were made this morning in the southeastern city and an 11th suspect was arrested in Nantes, in western France. More than a dozen people linked to attacker Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel have previously been arrested since the July 2016 attack on the famed Promenade des Anglais.

SOURCE: 12 December 2016, [AP](#)

**(U) France – New Suspect Arrested In Foiled Plot**

(U) Paris – French judicial authorities have arrested and charged a sixth suspect in a foiled militant plot to attack sites in the Paris region, a judicial source said. France has been under a state of emergency since a wave of extremist attacks in 2015, giving police wider powers, and the arrests come at a sensitive time ahead of next spring's presidential elections in which security will be a major theme. The 31-year old suspect has been placed in preventive detention and accused of cooperation with extremist groups and of having supplied weapons to his accomplices. Five other men suspected of being part of the plot are in custody after simultaneous police swoops last month in the southern port city of Marseille and in Strasbourg in northeast France. Investigators uncovered a plan to attack a Paris metro station and the Disneyland theme park in the name of The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). More than 230 people have been killed in ISIL attacks on French soil since January 2015, including 130 in coordinated gun and suicide bomb strikes in Paris in November 2015.

SOURCE: 10 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Nigeria – Young Children Used as Suicide Bombers**

(U) Maiduguri – Two young children, estimated to be younger than 10 years old, were strapped with explosives and used as suicide bombers near a crowded market in northeast Nigeria. One other person was killed and 17 more injured in yesterday's blast. The children involved were one boy and one girl, according to a spokesman for Nigeria's Emergency Management Agency. The death toll could have been much higher had the children been able to enter the busy market itself. ISIL-affiliated terror group Boko Haram is believed responsible for the blasts. The militant group is the most prominent in the region and has carried out thousands of similar attacks in the past — including some using children — but it has not yet to claim responsibility for the attack.

SOURCE: 12 December 2016, [NBC News](#)

**(U) Turkey – Kurdish TAK Group Claims Stadium Attack**

(U) Istanbul – The Kurdish militant group TAK says it carried out Saturday's deadly attack on police outside a stadium in Istanbul. The TAK, an offshoot of the banned Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), made the claim on its website. At least 38 people died near the Vodafone Arena when a car bomb hit a police vehicle and a suicide bomber blew himself up nearby after a top-division football match. The TAK has said it was behind other deadly attacks in Turkey this year. In yesterday's statement, it said the latest bombings were in reprisal for ongoing violence in the south-eastern Turkey and for the continuing imprisonment of PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan.

SOURCE: 11 December 2016, [BBC](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – Six Held in UK Anti-Terrorism Raids**

(U) London – Police said they had arrested six people in anti-terrorism raids across central England and London today, with bomb disposal officers later dispatched as officers carried out searches.

Detectives detained four men from Derby and another in Burton upon Trent in central England while a woman was also arrested in London on suspicion of preparing an act of terrorism. Police said the arrests were linked to "international related terrorism." Six properties were being searched as part of the investigation and an Army bomb disposal team had been sent as a precaution to the Normanton area of Derby. Britain is on its second highest threat level, meaning an attack by militants is considered highly likely.

SOURCE: 12 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

**(U) Mexico – Drug Cartel Leader's Son Arrested**

(U) Mexico City - Mexican police arrested the son of a drug cartel leader who was extradited to the United States, authorities said Saturday. Federal security forces said in a statement that the man was arrested last Friday in the western state of Jalisco along with four others on suspicion of drug trafficking, kidnapping and murder. His full name was not given, but a police official confirmed that it was Alfredo Beltran Guzman. Beltran Guzman's father is Alfredo Beltran Leyva, a former leader of the Beltran Leyva cartel who in February 2016 pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges in Washington. The Beltran Leyva cartel began as an arm of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's Sinaloa cartel. Beltran Guzman is also related to the Sinaloa cartel leader who is fighting extradition to the US.

SOURCE: 11 December 2016, [AP News](#)

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